

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 are pending in the application. The position set forth in the Office Action has been carefully considered. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

I. OBJECTION TO THE SPECIFICATION

Applicant hereby resubmits a specification with lines double spaced. The contents of the specification has not been amended herein. Only the printing format of the document has been changed herein. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

II. REJECTIONS OF CLAIMS 1-29 UNDER 35 U.S.C. §§ 102(e) AND 103

Claims 1-7, 10-17, and 20-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) based on U.S. Patent No. 6,292,267 ("Mori"). Claims 8 and 18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on a combination of Mori and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0033959 ("Ando"). Claims 9 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on a combination of Mori and U.S. Patent No. 6,707,570 ("Gotanda"). All pending claims are believed to be allowable for at least the following reasons. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Independent claims 1, 10, 11, 20, and 29 require "receiving decoding data and the rendered data from the server" and "generating decoded data by decoding the rendered data by using the decoding data." Independent claims 21, 24-25, and 28 contain recitations similar to those of independent claims 1, 10, 11, 20, and 29.

According to one exemplary embodiment of the invention, the processor 122 in a content server 120 renders an image, encodes the rendered image data, and sends the encoded rendered data to a printer 110. The printer receives the encoded rendered image data from the server 120. Also, the printer receives decoding data from the server. Then, the printer 110 decodes the encoded rendered image data by using the decoding data received from the server 120. See, e.g., page 12, line 13 - page 13, line 6 of the present specification.

The Office Action cited various portions of the Mori patent. With respect to the above-identified claimed features, it is respectfully submitted that none of the cited portions of the Mori patent reasonably suggest decoding the encoded rendered data by using the decoding data received from the server, as claimed. For example, the Office Action cited column 9, lines 40-47 of the Mori patent as describing the claimed "controller operable to send the identification data

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to the server, receive decoding data and the rendered data from the server, and generate decoded data by decoding the rendered data by using the decoding data." However, the Office Action provides no reasoning why that specific portion of the Mori patent can be said to suggest the claimed controller. The Office Action merely reiterates the cited portion verbatim. Applicant's careful review indicates that the Mori patent does not contain key words relating to the invention, such as "encode," "decode," "render," "authorize," etc. Therefore, the Mori cannot be said to teach at least the above-identified claimed features.

It is noted that, according to an exemplary embodiment of the invention, "encoding of the rendered image data prevents intercepting and unauthorized copying" (present specification, page 12, lines 18-20). In light of the present specification, it is respectfully submitted that mere use of TCP/IP protocol or IPX/SPX protocol fails to reasonably suggest the claimed decoding scheme. In addition, nothing explicitly, implicitly, or inherently in Mori suggests the claimed "rendered data." If the Examiner believes that the claimed features mentioned above are somehow implicit in the Mori patent, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner spell out the technical details by specifically identifying relevant portions of the reference.

In view of the foregoing, the Mori patent fails to teach or suggest the claimed invention. The Ando and Gotanda patents have been reviewed and found not to overcome the deficiencies of the Mori patent. Therefore, the invention of independent claims 1, 10, 11, 20, 21, 24, 25, 28, and 29, and their dependent claims are believed to be patentable over the cited art. Withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

III. CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that all pending claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance at an early date. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned.

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